

Aboriginal Health Fraser Health North



*Healthy Self,
Healthy Families,
Healthy Communities
and Healthy Nation*



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Better health.
Best in health care.

**Burnaby, New Westminster,
Coquitlam and Tri Cities Areas**

Mission

Inuit, Métis and First Nations (regardless of status) partner with Fraser Health and other service agents to meet primary health care and wellness needs and together build on cultural strengths enhancing communities of care.

Values

- Guided by traditional healing and spirituality.
- An inclusive partner when planning, implementing and delivering services.
- Build better relationships that support the capacity of the Aboriginal service providers to deliver service.

Guiding Principles

- Respect that Aboriginal cultures, languages and traditions are important to Aboriginal healing.
- Aboriginal well-being and healing needs to be determined by Aboriginal people.
- Fraser Health is moving forward in full partnership with Aboriginal communities.

Strategic Priorities

- Improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people
- Improving access to culturally-appropriate services
- Strengthening relationships and community capacity building



Aboriginal Health Integration Committee

Fraser Health has three Aboriginal Health Integration Committee Regions. The AHICs are comprised of integrated health teams based on service delivery areas. Integrated health teams meet regularly to discuss local health challenges and opportunities for collaboration.

AHICs and their corresponding integrated health teams facilitate networking and communication amongst representatives from Fraser Health, Aboriginal communities, and service organizations to increase knowledge, social awareness and understanding of all regional health programs and services.

Aboriginal Health Team

- **Director, Aboriginal Health**
Provides leadership within Fraser Health by planning, supporting and guiding the implementation of initiatives related to Aboriginal Health services.
- **Aboriginal Health Initiatives Coordinator**
Provides support around the planning and development of initiatives designed to improve the health and wellness of Aboriginal people in Fraser Health.
- **Aboriginal Health Lead**
Engages and facilitates discussion within Fraser Health and external community partnerships to improve access and utilization of services.
- **Aboriginal Health Liaisons, Social Work or RN**
Facilitates connections between Aboriginal clients and health service providers to enhance access to Fraser Health services in a culturally appropriate manner.
- **Aboriginal Mental Health and Substance Use Clinician/Liaisons**
Supports Aboriginal people by ensuring linkages between clients, hospitals, community Mental Health and Addictions treatment services and health and social service providers.
- **Healthy Living Coordinator**
Provides information and support to Aboriginal Communities who are interested in beginning healthy living initiatives as well as support with enhancing existing initiatives.
- **Youth Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Coordinator**
Provides leadership and support to the Fraser Salish Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention collaborative services
- **Nurse Practitioners, Primary Health**
Provide the highest quality primary health care by ensuring all of their practices are culturally safe. The NP enhances access to health care services for Aboriginal clients in various outreach clinics out of two hub sites: Kla-how-eya Healing Place in Surrey and the Stó:lō Primary Care site in Chilliwack.
- **Recruitment Consultant**
Develops and implements recruitment strategies, including school presentations, participation in career fairs and networking with educational institutions in order to increase awareness and encourage Aboriginal people to consider a career in health care. The Recruitment Consultant also collaborates on a number of Human Resource issues.

Contact Information

To contact an Aboriginal Health Liaison, you can call toll-free at 1-866-766-6960

To learn more about Aboriginal Health's services, please contact us at aboriginalhealthinfo@fraserhealth.ca



About the Aboriginal Health Services Identifier

Our identifier represents a culturally-inclusive and caring organization.

The Aboriginal hummingbird symbolizes health.

The Métis Nation's Infinity Flag, and the Inuit Inukshuk represent the diversity of our Aboriginal population.

The medicine wheel symbolizes balance, representing the four elements of life, including mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health.

The drum symbolizes the heart beat of the Aboriginal nation.